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TAGS: SHUM, KS

SUBJECT: CHRISTMAS DAY EM-9 PRISONER RELEASES -
PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR
DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27:

QUOTE

Q: HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE ROK GOVERNMENT'S RELEASE
DECEMBER 25 OF 11 PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF
VIOLATING A SOUTH KOREAN EMERGENCY DECREE?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT 11 PERSONS WHO WERE SERVING TERMS
FOR VIOLATION OF KOREAN EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9 WERE AMONG
SOME 2,000 PRISONERS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY CHRISTMAS DAY.
RELEASES AT THIS TIME OF YEAR IN KOREA ARE CUSTOMARILY
GRANTED FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR TO PRISONERS WHO HAVE SERVED A
SPECIFIC PORTION OF THEIR SENTENCES.

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Q: HOW DO THESE RELEASES AFFECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION IN KOREA?

A: THE RELEASES ON CHRISTMAS DAY ARE A POSITIVE
DEVELOPMENT, BUT WE NOTE THAT MOST OF THE MORE PROMINENT
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED UNDER THE EMERGENCY

DECREES STILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY.

2. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED DURING THE BRIEFING, BUT
GUIDANCE WAS USED TO RESPOND TO ORIENT PRESS REPORTER WHO
RAISED QUESTION LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. VANCE

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